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SUBJECT: CYPRUS CONFERENCE

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN SUDDENLY REQUESTED AT 1700 LOCAL THAT YOU TELEPHONE ECEVIT RIGHT AWAY TO URGE THAT TURKISH GOVT INSTRUCT GUNES IMMEDIATELY TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN GENEVA TALKS TODAY.

2. CALLAGHAN SAYS THAT GUNES' INTRANSIGENCE (WHICH I REPORTED EARLIER) HAS LED MR. MAVROS TO STATE HE WILL RETURN TO ATHENS TONIGHT IF THERE IS NO TURKISH FLEXIBILITY DURING LATEST ROUND OF TALKS DUE TO END IN THREE HOUR FROM NOW.

3. CALLAGHAN FEARS THIS WILL NOT ONLY BREAK UP TALKS BUT BRING DOWN GREEK GOVT.

4. CALLAGHAN ASKS THAT YOU MAKE GENERAL APPEAL TO ECEVIT FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND THEN PRESS HIM FOR TWO SPECIFIC CONCESSIONS WHICH ARE NOT OF GREATEST MAGNITUDE TO TURKS, BUT WHICH ARE REASONABLE TO GREEKS THAT THERE IS SOME REASON TO CONTINUE TALKS.

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5. FIRST OF THESE IS TURKISH APPROVAL OF UN REQUEST FOR HELICOPTER SURVEY TO ESTABLISH PRECISE LIMITS OF TURKISH ZONE BETWEEN KYRENIA AND NICOSIA, ZONE BYOND WHICH TURKS SAY THEY ARE NOT MOVING (AT LEAST FOR PRESENT). REQUEST HAS BEEN PENDING SINCE JULY 27. THIS IS IMPORTANT BOTH AS SIGN OF FLEXIBILITY IN TALKS AND AS SIGN OF GOOD FAITH ON GROUND IN NOT ADVANCING FURTHER. TURKS HAVE BLOCKED UN REQUEST BY FAILING TO REPLY.

6. SECOND POINT ON WHICH CALLAGHAN WISHES URGENT SUPPORT IS PARA U.K. HAS PROPOSED IN DRAFT AGREEMENT CONCERNING LIMITATION ON AND CONTROL OVER LEVEL OF ALL TROOPS, ARMS AND OTHER WAR MATERIAL ON CYPRUS. UK WOULD ESTABLISH CEILING AT PRESENT LEVELS FOR REGULAR TROOPS WITH PROVISION FOR CONTROLLED RESUPPLY. NO FURTHER ENTRY OF MEN OR ARMS WOULD BE ALLOWED FOR IRREGULAR FORCES. CONTROL PROCEDURES WOULD BE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ARE NOT SPECIFIED (THUS AVOIDING REFERENCE TO UN AND UNFICYP TO WHICH TURKS ARE PRESENTLY ALLERGIC).

COMMENT: I HAVE PROMISED TO CONVEY CALLAGHANS REQUEST TO YOU IMMEDIATELY. I KNOW YOU WISH TO BE AS HELPFUL TO HIM AS POSSIBLE BUT CANNOT JUDGE FROM HERE WHETHER YOU WOULD CONSIDER ADDITIONAL DEMARCHE WITH ECEVIT WISE IN LIGHT OF OTHER APPROACHES RECENTLY. SINCE WE ARE NOT PARTICIPANTS IN TALKS, NEITHER COULD I JUDGE FOR SURE TO WHAT EXENT MAVROS THREAT TO WALK-OUT IS NEGOTIATING TACTIC. I CAN CONFIRM HOWEVER, THAT GUNES IS TAKING A VERY TOUGH APPROACH TODAY.

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